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Economic Boom Seen For SE/SW

Expansion of the Washington Navy Yard has already led to seven private development projects in the SE/SW area. Eventually 3,500 contractor personnel are expected to relocate near the Navy Yard on private property.

Office buildings are being built or renovated at 80 M St. S.E. - replacing the purple-painted "Tracks" nightclub, 300 M St. S.E., and 810 Potomac Ave. S.E., all to house Navy contractors.

A multi-use project on 12 acres of Washington Gas Light property is planned for 12th and M St. S.E. At 100 Water St. S.E. and across the river near the 11th St. Bridge and MLK Ave. S.E. other developments are in progress.

About 4,100 Navy employees will be moved to the Navy Yard from offices being rented by the Navy in Crystal City. Another 1,000 have already moved over from Crystal City, Alexandria and Bailey's Crossroads.

A media release by John Imparato of Navy Headquarters states:

"The current change will require over \$200 million of construction to modify the structures once used for shipbuilding and manufacturing for use as offices. While the shells will be preserved in most cases, the interiors will become modern, efficient administrative spaces for Navy Headquarters activities."

Inquiries for apartments and townhouses in Southwest have already begun. ■



In the Navy Yard, construction of one million square feet of office space and 1,500 parking spaces is underway, to be ready for occupancy in the year 2000.

Celebration On National Mall For New Year 2000

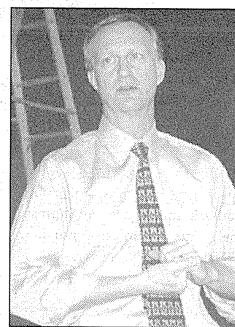
A New Year's Eve celebration on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial with bands, sing-along, a sound and light show and more will kick off the new millennium next month.

George Stevens and Quincy Jones will produce the show with a 100 piece orchestra and the combined bands, choirs and marching units of the U.S. Armed Forces.

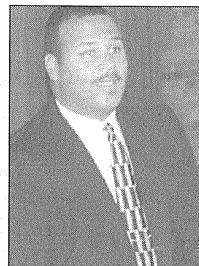
Steven Spielberg will show a film he has produced, "American Spirit," featuring highlights of the 20th Century. John Williams will conduct his original score accompanying the film.

After President Clinton speaks, the night will be climaxed with fireworks at midnight at the Washington Monument and a sing-along with the thousands of performers and spectators.

Metro-rail will operate late. Smithsonian, L'Enfant Plaza, Federal Center, Archives and Metro Center stations - are expected to be very busy. ■



Council Member Jack Evans conducting the meeting of his S.W. Task Force.



Robert Newman, Director, D.C. Department of Recreation, spoke at the Evans S.W. Task Force meeting.



Jack Evans S.W. Task Force Met Nov. 4 at MAC

D.C. Recreation Department plans for S.W. and the impact of the Navy Yard expansion on Southwest were main features of the monthly meeting of the 2nd Ward Council Member Jack Evans S.W. Task Force as he chaired it in the auditorium of the Millennium Art Center, 65 Eye St. S.W. Nov. 4.

John Imparato of Headquarters, Naval District Washington, showed an aerial photo with locations of new private developments outside the Navy Yard. (See the story and photos on pp. 4-5).

Robert Newman, new Director of the D.C. Department of Recreation described the problems of running a Recreation Department in the Nation's Capital. He plans:

- community councils for each recreation center,
- more cultural arts programs,
- a new master plan,
- a system of preferences for D.C. residents in the use of facilities,
- reviving the Roving Leaders program,
- solving the underground defects in the Randall lighting system, etc.

Officials of David Nassif Associates, owners of the D.O.T. building on 7th St. S.W., told of their plans to bid on a new lease and make a \$120 million redevelopment of the building if successful.

Daniel Ribibo of Mortgage One, told of his plans to build an interactive aquarium.

Action Group leaders reported on recent activities. (See Arts group report on p.6 and the Public Works group aerial photo of Lansburg Park on p. 3).

The next meeting will be Fri. Dec. 10 at Arena Stage - Old Vat entrance on Maine Ave. - with Mayor Anthony Williams in attendance. ■

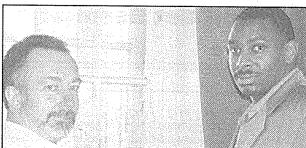
Y2K A Problem? Find Out Nov 22

"We don't expect any problems, but What If...?", says Peter LaPorte, Interim Director of Emergency Preparedness for the District. He will speak at the Mon. Nov. 22 meeting of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly at 7:30 p.m. at Potomac Place, 800 4th St. S.W. in the community room.

He made that remark at the Citizens Advisory Council meeting in First District Police Headquarters. His office is distributing 300,000 preparedness guides, and setting up warming shelters, just in case electricity or heat fail if some computer reads January 1, 2000 as January 1, 1900.

Also speaking on the Y2K problem will be Michael Ivy of Preparedness Plan & Community Partnership, a private group.

Wanda Austin of D.C. Census 2000 will explain the need to cooperate with the census takers so that no groups will be undercounted. Funding of federal programs is reduced if fewer people are counted in the census. ■



Bill Wooby and SWNA President Rev. George Holmes

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AARP Party Dec. 15

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Eva Stewart Honored

Professor Emerita Eva M. Stewart, former Director of the Field Practicum at Howard University School of Social Work, has received an award by the National Association of Social Work.

As a social work pioneer, she started a training program for volunteers and students at the American Red Cross and a foster home program at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. Her many awards include the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Metro Washington chapter of NASW.

She is on the Board of the Southwest Community House and is a longtime member of River Park Cooperative Homes. ■

Rummage Sale Sat. Dec. 4

St. Matthews Evangelical Lutheran Church at 222 M St. S.W. has another of its fine rummage sales coming up on Saturday, Dec. 4 from 10 to 2.

Fish, hot chili and soft drinks will please you as you shop for furniture, housewares, pictures, knick-knacks and a wide variety of shoes and men's and women's clothing. ■

Ethel Williams Honored

In Seneca Falls, N.Y., at the National Women's Hall of Fame, River Park resident Ethel James Williams has been given another honor. A plaque bearing her name and a letter detailing her accomplishments is displayed on the "Wall of Fame," "to commemorate your accomplishments and special place in women's history."

Ms. Williams has served as Director of the D.C. Commission For Women and as Women's Issues Specialist for AARP. She was a member of the SW ANC 2D for several years. ■



Ethel James Williams, honored at the
National Women's Hall of Fame.

Southwest Community Calendar

(November-December 1999)

Nov. 16	Tuesday	SWCH Annual Meeting 7:30 pm Bowen Elementary School 101 M. St. SW
Nov. 17	Wednesday	AARP SW Waterfront Chapter #4751 12 noon St. Matthews Lutheran Church 222 M St. SW
Nov. 17	Wednesday	Southwest Chamber Players Concert, 7:30 pm St. Augustine's Church, 600 M St. SW
Nov. 18	Thursday	NARFE DC Chapter 2052 12:30 pm Southwest Branch Library, 920 Wesley Place SW
Nov. 20	Saturday	Komen Toastmasters Club 10:15 am Southwest Branch Library, 920 Wesley Place SW
Nov. 22	Monday	Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, 800 4 St., SW, Community Room, 7:30
Nov. 24	Wednesday	Fil-Am Toastmasters Club 6:45 pm Southwest Branch Library, 920 Wesley Place SW
Dec. 4	Saturday	Komen Toastmasters Club 10:15 am Southwest Branch Library, 920 Wesley Place SW
Dec. 6	Monday	Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Board, 7 pm Waterside Mall I Street side
Dec. 7	Tuesday	First District Citizens' Advisory Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, DCPD, 415 4th St. SW
Dec. 8	Wednesday	Fil-Am Toastmasters Club, 6:45pm Southwest Branch Library, 920 Wesley Place SW
Dec. 13	Monday	Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D, 7:00 pm Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I St., SW
Dec. 15	Wednesday	AARP SW Waterfront Chapter #4751 Luncheon 11:30 am Pier 7 Restaurant 650 Water Street SW. For info., call 554-5503.
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Please submit calendar items for the next issue by December 1st to C.W. Hargrave, 554-8284.

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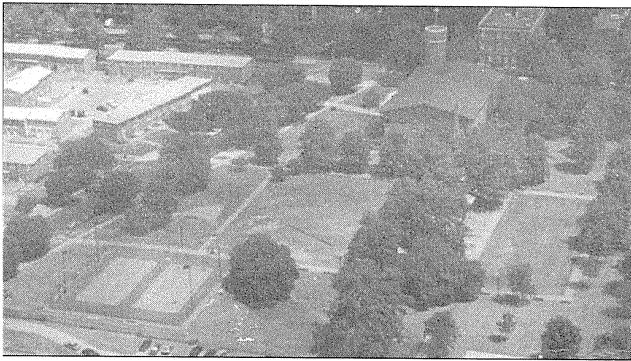
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Sports & Recreation



Lansburg Park is being considered as the site of a new community building. In this aerial view the townhouses across Delaware Ave. are on the left. Teacher parking for Bowen School is at the bottom of the picture. Friendship Baptist Church and 1 (Eye) St. are at the top.

Club #4 Basketball Needs You!

Help ! ! The seven basketball teams and cheerleading squad at Metropolitan Police Boys and Girls Club #4 in the gym at Bowen School need sponsors to cover expenses and volunteer coaches (with clean police records) to work with these Southwest youngsters.

Basketball season started Nov. 1. The teams rotate use of the gym with drills and exercises getting ready for competition with the teams throughout the city.

From 4 to 4:30 pm Tues., Wed. and Thurs. two D.C. teachers run a mandatory study hall on math and science in the multi-

purpose room next to the gym for the age 10 and 12 boys teams - the Brian Mitchell math/science program.

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- 10 and under and 12 and under boys
- 14 and under and 16 and under boys
- 16 and under girls
- cheerleading

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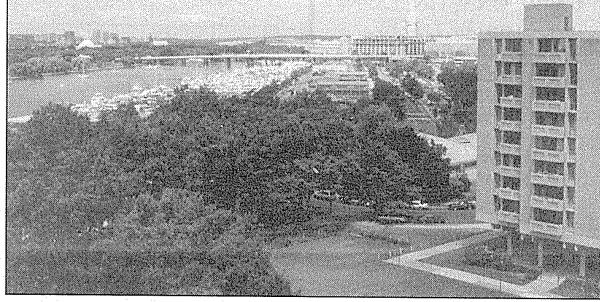
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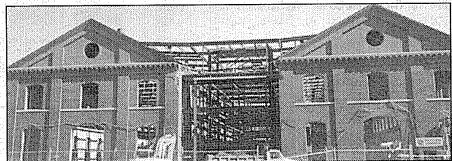
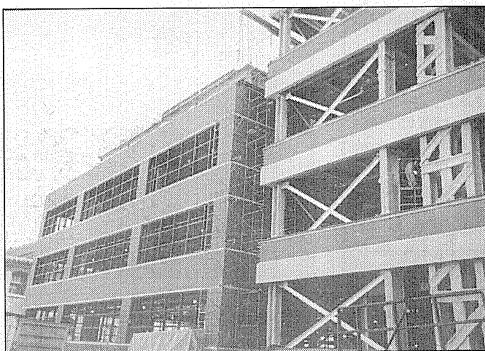
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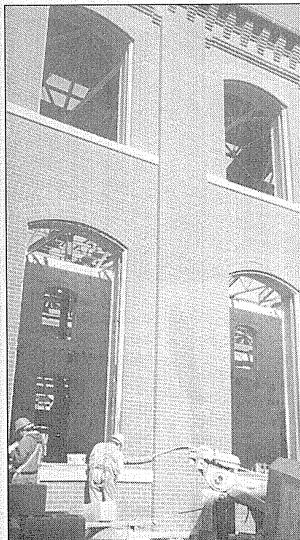
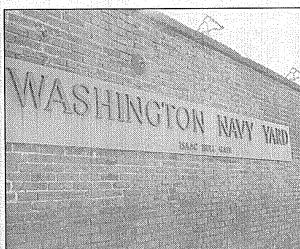
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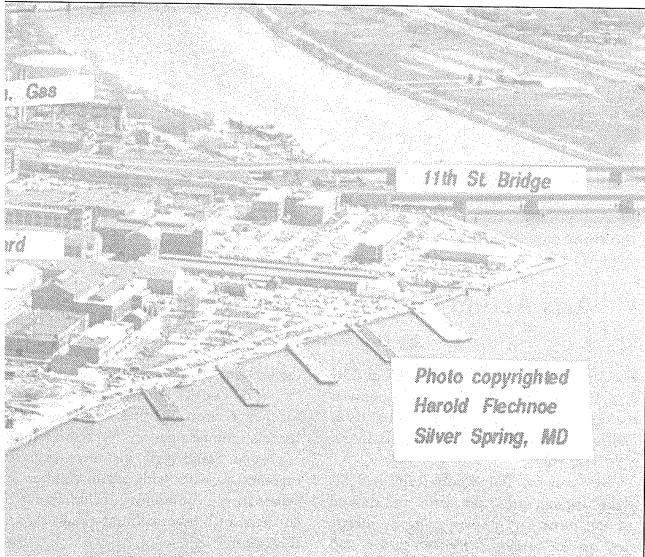
Navy Yard Construction

In the Navy Yard, construction of one million square feet of office space and 1,500 parking spaces is underway, to be ready for occupancy in the year 2001. Two historic industrial buildings will become office buildings and a new office building and parking garage will be built. About 4,100 employees will arrive, mostly from rental space in Crystal City, for the headquarters of the Naval Sea Systems Command.



Halloween At King-Greenleaf Rec Center





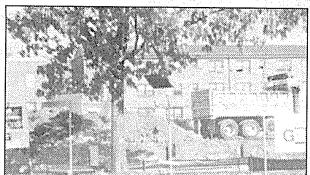
Navy Contractors' Offices. Site of private development on M St. S.E. of offices for Navy Yard contractors include three pictured here. In addition at 12th St. S.E. 12 acres of Washington Gas Light property is planned for multi-use. Across the river near the 11th St. Bridge and MLK Ave. four buildings are being designed. At 100 Water St. S.E. a multi-use project has received zoning approval.



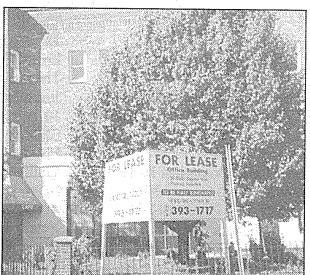
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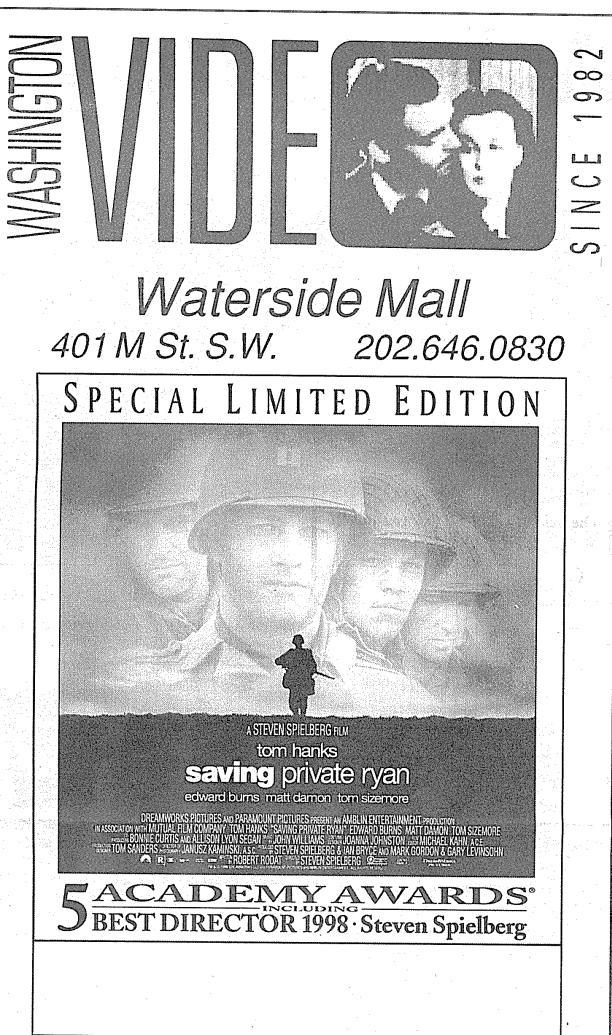
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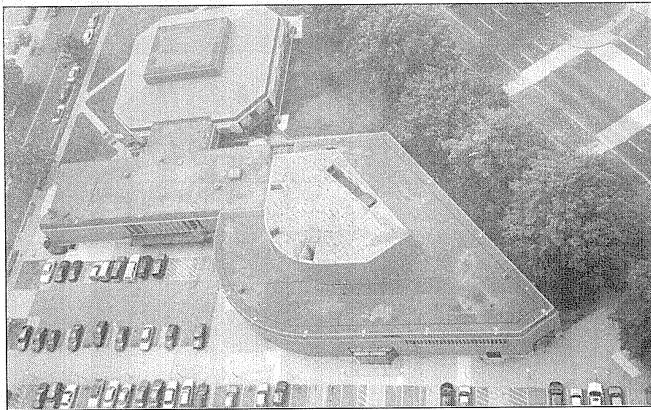
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Arts and Music

Arena Stage From A Helicopter



This aerial view of the Arena Stage buildings and parking lot shows the property on which expansion might be made.

Guys and Dolls

By Wallace Babington

"Guys and Dolls", that most American of musical comedies, has been called the Beggar's Opera of Broadway and the play that gives the English language a nice kick in the pants. And it certainly deserves both that accolade and tribute. It is a classic of Americana, based on a story by one of our most revered authors, Damon Runyon. Arena Stage brings us this comedy this month in a production directed by Charles Randolph-Wright, who directed last season's moving, beautiful "Oak and Ivy." This production will also feature Maurice Hines as Nathan Detroit, the invertebrate gambler who has been engaged to Miss Adelaide for a mere fourteen years. The story brings together such unlikely combinations as the Salvation Army, a floating dice game and a night out in Havana.

We are indebted to "Guys and Dolls" for priceless contributions To the vocabulary of the musical stage: characters named Nicely-Nicely and Sky Masterson; songs with lyrics like "Sit down you're rocking the boat" and "Take back your mink to from whence it came." They don't write lyrics like that anymore. It is very likely that you will come out of the theater singing and humming songs that are familiar, memorable and make you smile.

Molly Smith, Arena's Artistic Director, has rightly chosen this gem of a musical to usher in the new century. And a good choice it is.

"Guys and Dolls" Music and lyrics by Frank Loesser in the Fichandler at Arena Stage December 17 through February 20. ■



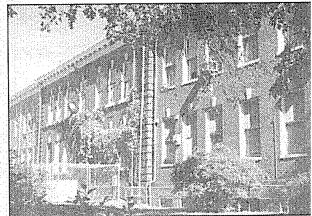
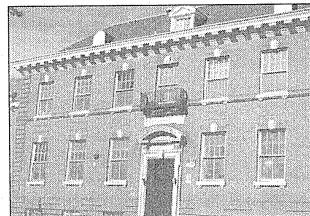
Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton (center) met with these Southwester last Spring to discuss keeping Arena Stage in Southwest. Left to right are SWNA 1st V.P. Davelene Renshaw, former SWNA President Dr. Beryl Rice, Congresswoman Norton, ANC Executive Director Gottlieb Simon, ANC member Andy Litsky.

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Candy Man 3 11-23	Matrix (re-priced to own) 11-23	Wild Wild West (priced to own) 11-23
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The front entrance - 65 1 (Eye) St. S.W. - of the Millennium Arts Center (formerly Randall Jr. High). A view of the Millennium Arts Center (MAC) from the side.

Arts Action Group Met At Millennium A C

by Davelene Renshaw

The Millennium Art Center (MAC) at 65 1 (Eye) St. S.W. (formerly Randall School) was the site of the October meeting of the Arts & Culture Action Group of the Jack Evans' S.W. Task Force.

MAC owner Bill Wooby explained his plans for programs at the center and showed off the future art display galleries, theatre area, artists' studios, sculpture garden and office space.

"Work days" for volunteers to help with yard work, with lunch provided, are planned for Saturdays after the city vacates offices in

the building. For information call 479-2572

The District government will be asked for better street lighting and cutting tree branches to make patrons feel more secure.

Arena Stage staff members expressed eagerness to work with school children and others in the community, including sharing concerns with other cultural groups through this committee.

The next meeting of the Arts group will be at 7 pm Tuesday, Nov. 23 at the Waterside Mall office of the SWNA. ■

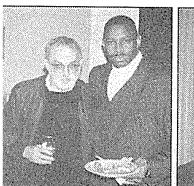
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Anyone 16 years or older can find out how three Chicano/Latino comedians create 20 different characters to poke fun at "the things that pull us apart," as Molly Smith describes their show in the Kreeger Theatre of Arena Stage Nov. 5 to Jan. 2.

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(6th St. S.W.) lobby of Arena Stage on Monday and Tuesday Nov. 29 and 30 from 7 pm to 10 pm you can "explore yourself, your communities and the many characters within you."

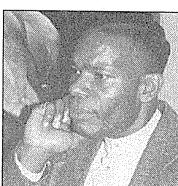
Application forms are due by Friday, Nov. 26 at Arena Stage, 1101 6th St. SW, or FA (202) 488-4056. ■



Two Southwest residents attending the Jack Evans Halloween party were, from left: **Gottlieb Mon**, ANC2D executive director; **Rev. George Holmes**, SWNA, Inc., president;



Blossom Athey, SW resident, **Peter Jones**, Southwest Community House director, and **Eula Ratliff**, resident of Greenleaf Seniors, who won first prize in the costume contest.



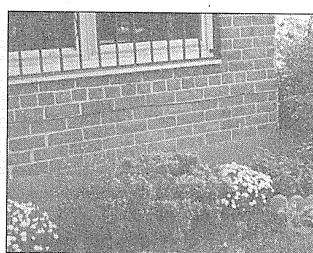
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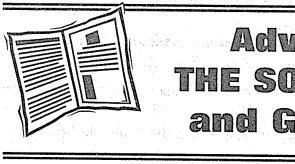
Pastor H. Joseph Franklin hosted the meeting of the SWNA at his church, 2nd Baptist Church.



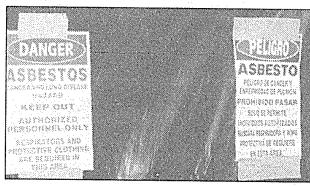
Dr. Marc Weiss addressed the meeting of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, Inc.



Hundreds of seasonal flowers are planted by the D.C. Housing Authority at Greenleaf Gardens.



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Warning signs on the Southwest Branch Library for asbestos cleanup.

Mural Approved For Southwest

The D.C. Arts Commission has approved placing a mural on the wall of a street underpass at Maine Ave. and 12th St. S.W.

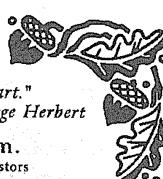
A proposal made by the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly has received a \$35,000 authorization. Design by an artist and painting by youth as a summer work project are part of the plan, according to Margaret Feldman, SWNA 2nd Vice president. ■



The 12th St. tunnel under the SW/SE Freeway, is tiled, and will have a new mural.

Give thanks to God

"You have given so much to me,
Give one thing more, a grateful heart."
--George Herbert



Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Revs. Brian & Ruth Hamilton, Co-Pastors

Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. (through 12/14)

Study of Bishop Spong's book, *Born of a Woman*, led by Rev. Harry Stock.

Every Friday, 6-9 p.m.

Jazz Night in Southwest, \$5, children free
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Great food at reasonable prices!

Saturday, Dec. 11, 7-10 p.m.

World Music Festival featuring Balinese Gamalon orchestra and dancers, \$10.

Sunday, Dec. 12, 12 p.m.

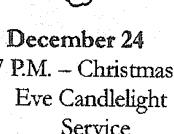
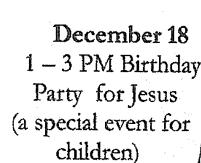
Homemade soup lunch after worship;
Forum on "Hope for Healing" led by a dynamic young woman recently featured in the Washington Post.

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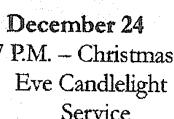
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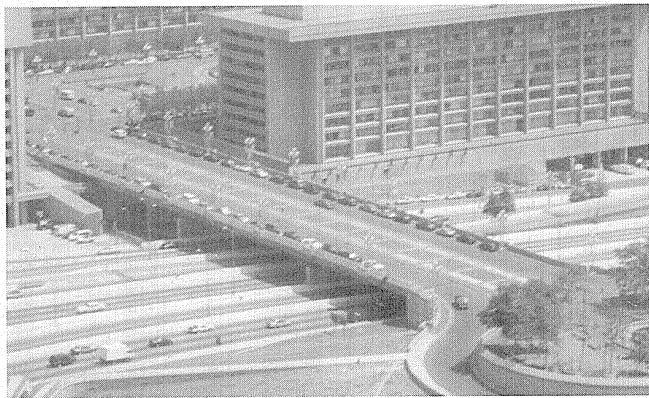
December 19
11 AM - Worship
service of lessons
and carols



December 24
7 P.M. - Christmas
Eve Candlelight
Service

**** PLUS ****
December 31
7 PM - New
Year's Eve Service
(a blessing to start
the millennium)

For details, contact the church at:
222 M Street, SW
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The Banneker Memorial will not be built at Banneker Circle - the end of 10th St. S.W. overlooking the waterfront, (lower right in this picture), but to the left, among the L'Enfant Plaza buildings, closer to the Smithsonian Museums.

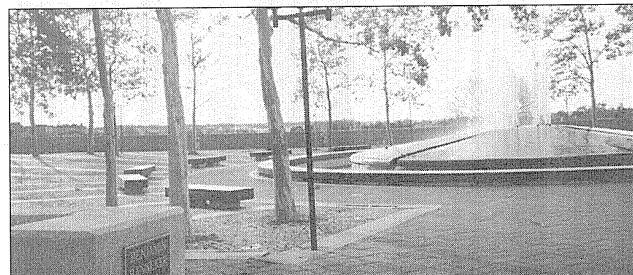
Banneker Statue Approved For S.W.

A memorial for Benjamin Banneker will be located in front of the U. S. Postal Service headquarters building on 10th St. S.W. That is the recent recommendation of the National Capital Memorial Commission, which oversees placement of memorials for the National Park Service.

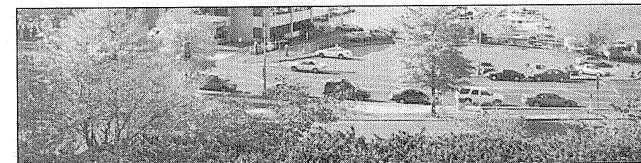
Banneker was a free black who helped lay out the boundaries of the new federal district

in the 1790s during the term of President George Washington.

At the waterfront end of 10th St. is an overlook park that has been named for Banneker. Placing the statue in that park was the original proposal of Washington Interdependence Council, the group spearheading the memorial campaign. A walkway to the waterfront was in the original proposal. ■



Banneker Park at the waterfront end of elevated 10th St. S.W.



The Southwest waterfront seen from the Banneker Park overlook. The Fish Wharf is at the right restaurants start at the left.

Mall/Waterfront Task Force Has New Leaders

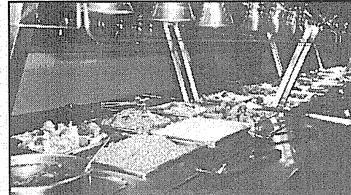
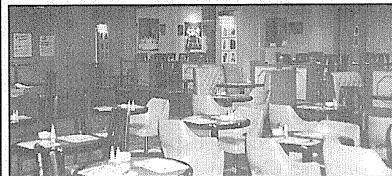
Ahmad Nurridin is the new chair of the SWNA's task force on the Mall and Waterfront. Nancy O'Brien is the new vice-chair.

At a recent meeting of the task force they reported their plans to mail copies of the Urban Land Institute (ULI) study to all Members of Congress. At the Mayor's Summit Nov. 18 and 20 they planned to distribute a handout with information on Arena Stage and Waterside Mall. Davelene

Renshaw suggested adding the Millennium Art Center.

Bill Wooby, developer of the Millennium Arts Center at 65 Eye St. S.W., told of his plans for evening activities in Southwest including a cafe, music and entertainment.

The next regular meeting of the Mall/Waterfront Task Force will be the first Wednesday in December - Dec. 1. ■



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